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August 27, 2007

MEMO ENDORSED

Hon. Richard M. Berman
United States District Court
500 Pearl Street (Room 650)
New York, New York 10007

Re: Grunstein, et. al. v. Silva, et. al. (07 Civ. 3712)

Dear Judge Berman:

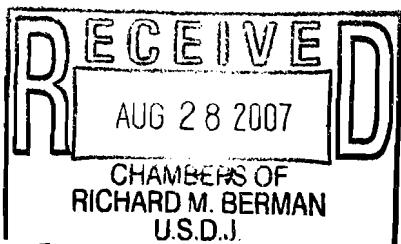
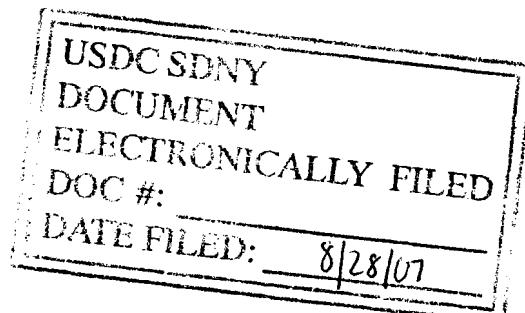
We are counsel to defendants in the above captioned action. A dispute has arisen between plaintiffs and defendants concerning an initial deposition in the case noticed by the plaintiffs for September 11, 2007. Unless your Honor prefers to resolve the dispute, the parties jointly request that the case be referred (for discovery purposes) to Magistrate Ronald L. Ellis, who is designated as the presiding magistrate for the case in your Honor's prior order.

Respectfully yours,

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JFD/dj

cc: Martin Stein, Esq.
(Counsel to all plaintiffs)



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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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GRUNSTEIN, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

-against-

SILVA, et al.

07 CIVIL 3712 (RMB)(RLE)

Defendants.

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The above entitled action is referred to the designated Magistrate Judge for the following purpose(s):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Pretrial (includes scheduling, discovery, non-dispositive pretrial motions, and settlement)	<input type="checkbox"/> Consent under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) for all purposes (including trial)
<input type="checkbox"/> Specific Non-Dispositive Motion/Dispute:*	<input type="checkbox"/> Consent under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) for limited purpose (e.g., dispositive motion, preliminary injunction)
<input type="checkbox"/> If referral is for discovery disputes when the District Judge is unavailable, the time period of the referral:	<input type="checkbox"/> Habeas Corpus
<input type="checkbox"/> Settlement*	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Security
<input type="checkbox"/> Inquest After Default/Damages Hearing	<input type="checkbox"/> Dispositive Motion (i.e., motion requiring a Report and Recommendation)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Particular Motion:
	<input type="checkbox"/> All Such Motions: _____

* Do not check if already referred for general pretrial.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: New York, New York
August 28, 2007

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RICHARD M. BERMAN
U.S.D.J.